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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: PFOR, UG, UK

SUBJECT: U.S. CITIZEN'S CLAIM AGAINST GOVERNMENT OF  
UGANDA

REFS: (A) LONDON 8655 (B) LONDON 9895

1. IN VIEW OF UGANDAN DESIRE FOR NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE UK  
ON COMPENSATION FOR EXPROPRIATED PROPERTY (REFTELS), WE  
SUGGEST IT MAY BE AN APPROPRIATE TIME TO TAKE ACTION WITH  
REGARD TO ASSETS CONFISCATED FROM U.S. CITIZEN, HARRY M.  
ENGEL, PRESIDENT, INTERNATIONAL TELEVISION SALES (ITS),  
LTD.

2. MR. ENGEL NOW LIVING IN HAWAII HAS MADE REPEATED  
CALLS TO THE DEPARTMENT CONCERNING HIS CLAIM. THE  
DOCUMENTS ON THE SUBJECT HAVE BEEN TURNED OVER TO THE  
GERMAN EMBASSY IN KAMPALA BY HIS ASSOCIATE IAN HUNTER,  
WHO IS SHORTLY LEAVING KAMPALA. ENGEL HAS HEARD THAT  
UGANDA-UK TALKS MAY BE FORTHCOMING AND WOULD LIKE HIS  
CLAIM TO BE CONSIDERED AT THE SAME TIME.

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3. ADDITIONAL FACTOR IN THIS CASE IS THAT ENGEL'S

WIFE, KRISTIN, A DIRECTOR AND MAJOR STOCKHOLDER OF ITS, WAS RECENTLY IN ICELAND, OF WHICH COUNTRY SHE IS A CITIZEN, AND, ACCORDING TO ENGEL, SUCCEEDED IN PERSUADING ICELANDIC FOREIGN MINISTRY TO PURSUE ITS CLAIM. ENGEL HAS WRITTEN TO US THAT ICELANDIC EMBASSY

IN LONDON HAS APPROACHED UGANDAN EMBASSY THERE ON THIS SUBJECT AND BEEN TOLD GOVERNMENT OF UGANDA (GOU) WOULD LOOK INTO IT.

4. WE TOOK OCCASION OF RECENT CALL AT DEPT BY UGANDAN CHARGE TO ASK HIM TO CONVEY OUR INTEREST IN THIS CLAIM TO HIS GOVERNMENT WHICH HE SAID HE WOULD DO.

5. ACTION REQUESTED:

FOR BONN: REQUEST FRG TO OBTAIN STATUS REPORT ON THIS CLAIM FROM ITS EMBASSY IN KAMPALA AND, IF DEEMED APPROPRIATE AND TIMELY, INSTRUCT EMBASSY TO A) APPROACH GOU ON SUBJECT INDICATING USG'S INTEREST IN IT AND B) ASCERTAIN FROM GOU WHETHER IT HAS RECEIVED ICELANDIC INQUIRY ON SUBJECT FROM ITS EMBASSY IN LONDON AND WHAT IT IS DOING ABOUT IT.

FOR LONDON: OBTAIN LATEST STATUS REPORT ON THIS MATTER FROM ICELANDIC EMBASSY. KISSINGER

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